

Egremont Board of Health

August 9, 2018, 10:00 am

Egremont Town Hall

Members Present: Charles Ogden, Dr. William Rose

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

Also Present: Dr. Robert Furlong, Attorney Kate McCormick, Jeanne & Harvey Weiss, Janice Rabkind, Linda Shafiroff/Creative Building Solutions, Mark LeVasseur/Foresight Land Services

1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The minutes from July 26, 2018 meeting were accepted (2-0).

2) **Weiss/14 Ridge Road** Chairman Ogden asked to review proposed building plans and septic connections. Board learned pool exists and that proposed structure will also be used as a pool house (which explains full bathroom in plans.) Marv LeVasseur presented concept of using faster perc on record from 2005. If so, he felt the current system is designed for a 5 bedroom load. Based on conversation Juliette had with Paul Neitupski at MassDEP the board felt the system installed using the slower perc rate is suitable for the three bedrooms it was designed for. After much discussion three scenarios were put before the homeowners to research in more detail: consult with MassDEP to determine whether faster perc rate could be used, design and install a four bedroom system, deed restrict the property as being a 3 bedroom with the understanding it will be upgraded to a four bedroom when the property is sold. Group will gather again at the next meeting.

3) **Prospect Lake Campground** July testing report was reviewed and discussed. Effluent BOD and TSS were slightly elevated. Dan Kurpaska of MassDEP commented that is probably because of influx of heavy use. Board asked that July report be sent to Brent White of White Engineering. Board is awaiting engineering report from Brent regarding suggested repairs.

4) **de Lacy/10 Prospect Lake Road** Neighbor at 12 Prospect Lake Road submitted photo of caged rat recently trapped on his property. Juliette has been in email contact with Ms. de Lacy and hopes to meet with her when she returns in September to discuss possible pest control measures.

5) **Recent field work** Jayne will report at next meeting.

6) **Mosquitoes** With the recent heavy rains, the large tire pile at the top of Baldwin Hill was discussed as prime mosquito breeding area. As Egremont is a Right To Farm community, BoH action to remove the tires can't be required. It was felt an education plan (avoid going outside during prime mosquito activity, use bug spray, drain standing water, wear protective clothing, etc.) was good approach.

7) **Measurable Goals for the BoH Director** Chairman Ogden asked Juliette to implement two measurable goals for the upcoming year. Conflict resolution, although hard to measure, was a goal Juliette hoped to strive for.

8) Meeting adjourned 11:20 am.

*Approved 8/23/2018
JS Haas*